

Salem County YSC

May 6, 2020

The meeting was called to order at 12:43 pm by Jean Kuhl. Introductions were made around the room.

Attendees: Jean Kuhl; Ron Hudak; Jerry Oglesby; Alexandra Oasin; Armando Gonzalez; Frankie Callaghan; Pam Comerford; Sarah Kuhl; Jennifer Rodriguez; Christine Graves; Brian Pennington; Herbert Woodward; Allison Ford; Ed Ramsey; Mona Prakash; Amber Smith; Dawn Heaton; Joshua Stafford; Jason Helder; Meghan Rush; Jenna Harvey; Urie Anderson; Jody Veler; Christina DiGiovacchino; John Swain; Stewart Potter; Angela Williams; Linda Smith; Tracy Wiggins; Mike Regenalli; David Cruz; Lois Kawajiri; Justin Caruso

Approval of last month's meeting minutes: A motion to approve the minutes from January 2020 was made by Jim Whitt and was seconded by Sarah Kuhl: 0 nays; 0 abstentions.

Committee Reports:

Planning and allocations – Ron Hudak: The Planning committee is scheduled to meet on February 12, 2020 at 1:00PM at St John's. The committee will be reviewing and planning this year's update for the 3 year comprehensive plan. They will be looking at monitoring reports and budget numbers in order to see if any program funds should be reallocated.

Quality Assurance – Armando Gonzalez: The YSC Monitoring Committee has created a finalized monitoring schedule for 2020; sessions will begin this month. Sarah Kuhl was been nominated and accepted as the Co-Chair for the Monitoring Committee. If anyone is interested in being a volunteer for a monitoring session, please let Urie Anderson (Salem County IAC) know. Volunteers can participate in any monitoring session, except for the session at their own programs.

JET – Greg Wolf was not present. JET Team met yesterday (2/4/2020). There is 1 Salem County juvenile in detention, and 2 in the Ankle Bracelet program. The next JET meeting will be March 3, 2020 from 12:00PM-1:00PM at St John's.

Administrators Report – Jody: Live Healthy Salem County currently has 6 mini grants available starting at \$3,000 per project; two grants are geared toward food security and nutrition, two are for mental health and substance use, and the last two are simply innovative community projects - one of which must be geared toward youth within Salem City. Application and details can be found on their website: <https://livehealthysalemcounty.org/>

JJC Liaison Report – Spencer Young: YSC Monitoring policy has changed and now must be conducted with a YSC Administrator, a qualified JJC representative, and one additional committee member. Without these three components – an official monitoring cannot take place.

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Providers Reports:

Acenda Health: Justin Caruso – No youth active for this Cognitive Skills cycle, next cycle will begin mid March. Referral form and information sheet will be emailed out to Urie. Anyone 12-18 years of age in Salem County can be referred. The cycle includes weekly 2 hour sessions; Acenda provides transportation and food over a 16 week cycle. 15 youth will be accepted into the program. Connect 2 currently has two open cases. Grounded! currently has no participants.

YAP –Pay It Forward: Jennifer Rodriguez - 5 youth are currently being served – 3 diversion youth, 2 prevention youth. 1 additional youth will be closing out and going off to college. YAP continues to provide anger management, anti-theft programming, and community service opportunities.

Quinton Township: Stewart Potter – Currently closed out for the year and waiting on contracting letter for the year 2020.

Pittsgrove Middle School: Allison Ford: Wildcat Wildness will be commencing in a few weeks. This event is a competitive spirit day for the entire school. Incentives and games for students who earned acceptable grades during the second marking period will be provided. The school is also preparing for their monitoring appointment which is set to take place on 2/13/2020.

Penns Grove HS: The Shining Stars program continues to hold weekly meetings with their youth and an anti-gang specialist. They are currently interviewing for an additional specialist specifically for the girls in the program. The program is currently servicing 22 students. Incentives are being offered to students who attend the weekly meetings 6 times in a row. Challenge Day, a social and emotional experience, is scheduled for February 19, 2020 - the theme is mental health. They are seeking volunteers to assist with the day's activities if anyone is interested.

First Step: Dawn Heaton – The program has received 3 referrals in the past month. There are 3 youth currently attending, there has been 1 successful completion, and 1 drop out. The program spent a total of \$16,670 in 2019.

A.P. Schalick High School: Second marking period started on Monday; currently have 13 high school students serving as mentors at Elmer and Olivet Schools. They are working on their summer camp, adding an additional week to the cycle. The program is looking into having a yoga instructor come in for the student mentors to encourage peace and mindfulness. Monitoring is scheduled in March.

JDAI- BRIDGE Program: Started yesterday (2/4/2020). Principal Helder – New cycle has just begun. About 12 students are anticipated this cycle. The program has some returning students. Because of this, it has been decided that these students will act as a mentor/informant for the newer students.

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SODAT PET: Trips for the year have been scheduled (see flyer). January has been a slow month, they are currently getting this prepared and set up for the rest of the year.

Transportation has been provided for students who wanted to attend the BRIDGE Orientation.

Old Business – Ms. Jean’s Gems: Words of the Day “No Guarantees”

New Business – None

Announcements – Southwest Council has a SCRATCH coalition meeting on Wednesday 2/12/2020 from 9:00AM-10:30AM at their Salem City office.

Showcase of Excellence will be taking place at the Salem County Vocational School on 2/12/2020. For more information, contact Principal Jason Helder.

Foundation Dinner will be held on 2/28/2020 from 5:30PM-9:30PM at Salem Community College to honor Assemblyman Versacelli.

Adjournment –

Jim Whitt made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 1:24PM

Stu Potter seconded this motion.

Our next meeting will be March 4, 2020 at 12:00PM